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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1794

4 By: Representatives Scott, C. Cooper, Crawford, Hawks, McCullough, Richardson, S. Smith  
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6 By: Senators J. English, Elliott

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8 Filed with: House Committee on Education  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-  
12 YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE  
13 FROM AMONGST CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION  
14 OF HIGHER EDUCATION A HOMELESS AND FOSTER STUDENT  
15 LIAISON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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18 TO REQUIRE A STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR OR  
19 FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
20 TO DESIGNATE FROM AMONGST CURRENT STAFF  
21 MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
22 EDUCATION A HOMELESS AND FOSTER STUDENT  
23 LIAISON.  
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended  
30 to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 6-60-113. Homeless and foster student liaison.

32 (a) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" means  
33 an institution of higher education that is a:

34 (1) State-supported two-year or four-year college or university;

35 or

1           (2) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or  
2 university that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds  
3 with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas.

4           (b) An institution of higher education shall designate a member of the  
5 staff of the institution of higher education to serve as the homeless and  
6 foster student liaison.

7           (c) An individual designated as a homeless and foster student liaison  
8 under subsection (b) of this section shall:

9                   (1) Inform students of the institution of higher education  
10 about:

11                           (A) Financial aid; and

12                           (B) Other means of financial assistance available to the  
13 students of the institution of higher education; and

14                   (2) Assist students of the institution of higher education in  
15 applying for and receiving federal and state financial aid and other  
16 available services.

17           (d) An individual designated as a homeless and foster student liaison  
18 under subsection (b) of this section shall be selected by an institution of  
19 higher education from amongst current staff members of the institution of  
20 higher education.

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